

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group II and the species listed above with traverse. Applicant maintains that the Restriction Requirement, including the requirement for the election of species, should not be required of Applicant without a demonstration that examination of the claims places an undue search burden on the Examiner. This has not been demonstrated.

For the record, Applicant also does not concede the correctness of the Examiner's basis for the Restriction Requirement and the arguments presented therein.

Having made this election, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Applicant also reserves the right, if the Restriction Requirement is maintained, to have the Restriction Requirement as to the linked inventions be withdrawn in the event a linking claim is found to be allowable. Applicant further reserves the right, if the species restriction requirement is maintained, to consideration of additional species upon allowance of a generic claim.

Respectfully submitted,



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